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| 13. ABSTRACT (Maximum 200 words) Research was conducted to develop acoustic hemostasis devices for advanced trauma care. Key accomplishments include: 1. Development of High Intensity Focused Ultrasound (HIFU) hardware. We have designed and built HIFU applicators ranging from single-element (water-, polymer- or solid material-coupled) transducers to a 32-element, 2-D annular array. We have successfully integrated imaging and therapy transducers to achieve a <i>real-time</i> ultrasound image-guided acoustic hemostasis capability. We have demonstrated successful <i>transcutaneous</i> image-guided HIFU treatment in animal models. 2. <i>In vitro</i> and <i>in vivo</i> studies. We have successfully demonstrated acoustic hemostasis <i>in vivo</i> in models for blunt and penetrating trauma, and for punctured vessels and arteries. We have conducted a variety of laboratory and <i>in vitro</i> experiments to further our understanding of the mechanisms of acoustic hemostasis. We have developed novel techniques to detect and target bleeding sites. 3. Development of simulation capabilities. Sophisticated models have been developed to predict HIFU pressure and temperature fields and study cavitation dynamics. These aid in the design of applicators and treatment protocols, as well as in improving our understanding of the physical and biological mechanisms associated with therapeutic ultrasound. The period of performance of the grant was from 1 March 1996 to 31 October 2001. | | | | |
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FINAL TECHNICAL REPORT FOR ONR GRANT N00014-96-1-0630
"AN ACOUSTIC HEMOSTASIS DEVICE FOR ADVANCED TRAUMA CARE"

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I. Background

Under this grant research was conducted to develop an instrument capable of both detecting and arresting bleeding using ultrasound. The proposed use is for battlefield trauma, although the technology has clear applications in civilian emergent care. The period of performance of the grant was from 1 March 1996 to 31 October 2001.

II. Accomplishments

A. Executive Summary

This project has been an extremely successful one as demonstrated by the following:

- An entirely new medical technique for the treatment of trauma has been developed: *Acoustocautery*.
- Over 50 papers have been published, including a number of review articles in prestigious journals. Eight Ph.D. and three M.S. degrees were awarded to students supported by this grant.
- 7 Patents have already been issued and numerous invention disclosures and preliminary applications are in process.
- This Intellectual Property (IP) base has resulted in the creation of two new start-up companies (Therus, Inc. and UST, Inc., both in Seattle, WA), as well as research partnerships between the University of Washington and several other companies (Ekos, Inc., Bothell, WA; Focus Surgery, Inc., Indianapolis, IN; Diagnostic Ultrasound, Inc., Redmond, WA; Sonic Concepts, Woodinville, WA; and Sanus Medical Systems, Inc., Oxford, MS).
- This primarily 6.1/6.2 effort has been transitioned to existing 6.3 projects in both the Navy and Army. Both the Navy and Army have listed Acoustocautery as Science and Technology Objectives in their POMs; prototype devices are scheduled for human trials in the immediate future.

B. Hardware, Software and Demonstrations

B.1 HIFU systems

A variety of transducers and HIFU applicator systems were built under this project. These range from single-element transducers, with and without water or solid material couplers, to a sophisticated 32-element phased array. A few examples are shown in Figure 1.

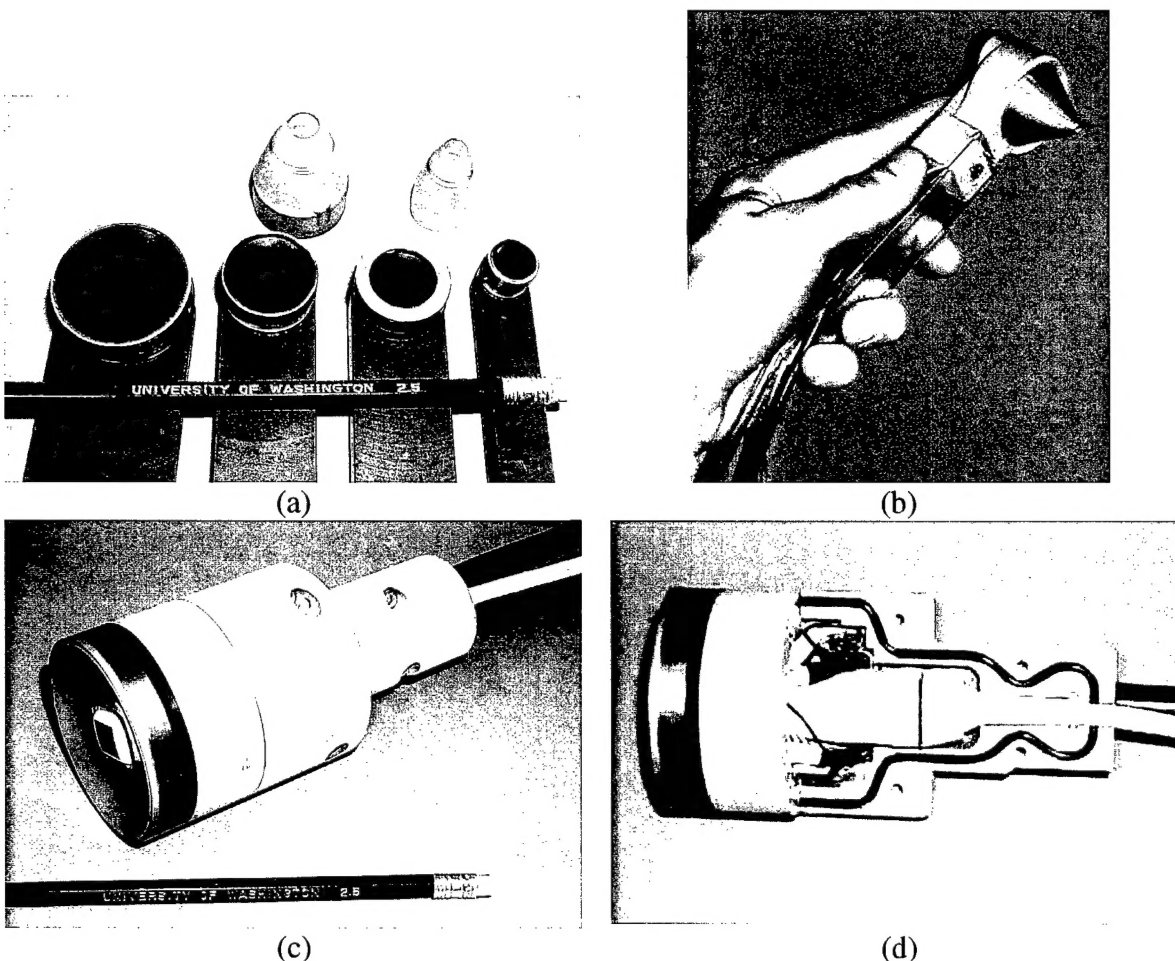


Figure 1. Hardware developed under grant N00014-96-0630. (a) Curved, single-element transducers, shown with coupling cones that can be filled with water, suitable for laboratory and animal studies. (b) Single-element transducer coupled with a solid aluminum cone, suitable for intra-operative animal studies and one of the prototypes for the intra-operative solid cone development effort. Units shown in (a) and (b) have fixed frequencies from 1-10MHz and fixed focal depths from 35-55mm. (c) and (d) Integrated imaging and therapy applicator. The larger outer region of this device consists of a 2-D, 32-element annular array that delivers the HIFU therapy. This array is optimized for 2.2MHz operation with variable focal depth of 50-80mm. Embedded within the center of the therapy array is a commercial imaging transducer (ATL P7-4).

B.2 Simulation Efforts

A 2-D full-wave, fully nonlinear acoustic model was developed as part of a Ph.D. dissertation (see [Curra](#) under the list of student theses in Section II.E). Figure 2 below illustrates how simulation can help in applicator design and treatment planning.

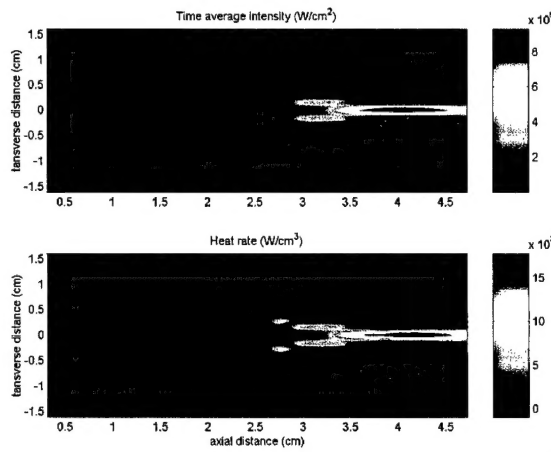


Figure 2. Continuous wave simulation that depicts the time-averaged acoustic intensity and heat rate generated by a 1 MHz line array with a 3.5 cm aperture focused at 4.3 cm. The source is at the left edge of the water layer (W) and the focal volume (red) is located in a layer of liver (L). Two intervening layers of skin (S) and muscle (M) are included in the propagation path. A thermal lesion is confined to the focal volume. This simulation illustrates that different tissue types absorb acoustic energy at different rates, and hence, a HIFU treatment protocol must select a duty-cycle that eliminates collateral damage.

B.3 Treatment Demonstrations

A variety of *in vitro* and *in vivo* tests were conducted over the course of the project in order to characterize and improve therapy applicator performance, better understand the physical and biological mechanisms of acoustic hemostasis, and assess the efficacy of HIFU treatment. A key finding is that image-guided acoustic therapy can dramatically reduce the time required to arrest hemorrhage. Extensive *in vivo* studies have demonstrated that HIFU can stop bleeding in traumatic injuries such as punctured arteries, severed capillary beds and fractured organs. Figure 3 provides a demonstration of the effectiveness of transcutaneous acoustic hemostasis in a bleeding vessel.

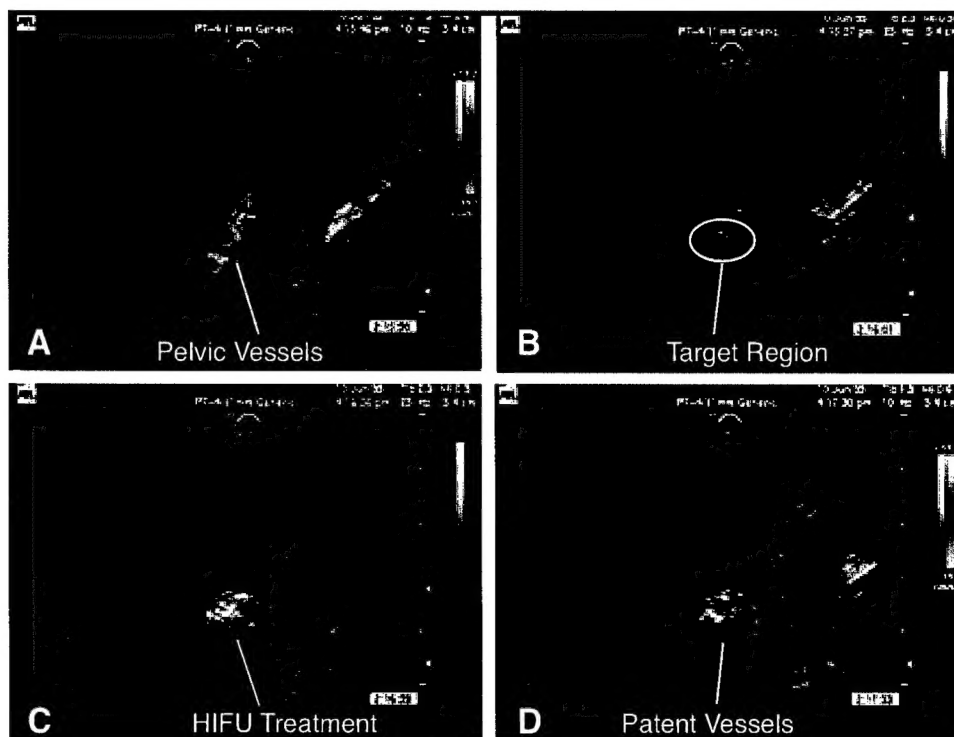


Figure 3. Targeting a bleeding pelvic vessel using an integrated imaging/therapy system. (a) The vessels were identified using color Doppler. The vessels were severed using a scalpel, and (b) gray-mode was activated. (c) HIFU treatment using ultrasound image-guidance was applied. (d) Color Doppler assessment after successful treatment and hemostasis showed patent vessels. The bleeding was arrested completely within 70 seconds.

B.4 Subcontracts

Under the Boston University Subcontract, a program focused on the application of high-intensity focused ultrasound to medical therapy was developed. The program, which was started from scratch, resulted in a fully equipped HIFU laboratory, three PhD dissertations (with a third in progress – see bibliography), and a number of spin-off projects and collaborations in biomedical ultrasound. As for technical accomplishments, Boston University collaborators have developed a first-order model for cavitation dynamics in viscoelastic media, and have taken major steps towards quantifying the role that bubbles and cavitation play in mediating and enhancing acoustic hyperthermia. Boston University has also developed a computational ability to predict the 3-D nonlinear pressure fields from focused transducers and compute the resulting 3-D temperature field, taking into account acoustic streaming, cavitation, arbitrary convective flow, boundaries, and media inhomogeneity. This model has been validated through extensive comparison with experiments performed with a flow-through phantom. Ongoing work includes an

experimental and computational study of the role that surface waves play in enhancing hyperthermia and in establishing an equilibrium bubble size distribution for sustained HIFU-induced cavitation in a tissue.

C. Intellectual Property

Note that detailed information regarding UW intellectual property resulting from this research has been reported to ONR Code 00CC1 on form DD 882 "Report of Inventions and Disclosures." Patent activity only is summarized below.

Three patents filed by THS International Inc. (on behalf of our industrial collaborator, Focus Surgery, Inc.) were relevant to this research and are listed in Table 1 below. Subsequent University of Washington Intellectual Property developed under the grant is listed in Table 2.

| Table 1. Intellectual Property Filed by UW's Industrial Partner | | | |
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| U.S. Patent No. | Date Awarded | Title | Authors |
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| 5,993,389 | 30 NOV 1999 | "Devices for Producing Acoustic Hemostasis", | Driscoll T, Crum L, Law W, DeMarta S |
| 6,083,159 | 04 JUL 2000 | "Methods and Devices for Providing Acoustic Hemostasis" | Driscoll T, Crum L, Law W, DeMarta S |

| Table 2. Intellectual Property Filed by the University of Washington | | | |
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| U.S. Patent No. | Date Awarded | Title | Authors |
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The following individuals earned degrees through funding provided in whole or in part by this project (see Bibliography for thesis titles):

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 P. Edson, Ph.D., 2001.
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 Melanie Plett, Ph.D., 2001.
 Sandra Poliachik, Ph.D., 2001.
 Xuegong Shi, Ph.D. 2001.
 Jonathan Yuen, M.S., 2001
 Jong-Tae Yuk, Ph.D., 2000.

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Dr. Cyril Lafon.

The following students are continuing research efforts that were initiated under this project:

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F. Honors, Awards and Prizes

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Three graduate students supported by the project earned special honors. Francesco Curra received a Fellowship to the Physical Acoustics Summer School, Monterey, California, from National Center for Physical Acoustics (NCPA) in June, 1998. Sandra Poliachik won 2nd Prize in the Student Paper Contest for Biomedical Ultrasound/Bioresponse to Vibration presentation at 141st Meeting of the Acoustical Society of America, Chicago, June 2001. Tyrone Porter was awarded a UNCF/MERCK Pre-Doctoral Fellowship.